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SUBJECT: FY-75 IV NOMINATIONS - DAVID ODDSSON, ALFRED THORSTEINSSON

1. MISSION NOMINATES FOR PARTIAL FY-75 IV GRANTS TWO OUT-
STANDING YOUNGER ICELANDIC POLITICAL LEADERS, DAVID
ODDSSON (INDEPENDENCE PARTY) AND ALFRED THORSTEINSSON
(PROGRESSIVE PARTY). GRANTS WILL INCLUDE INTERNATIONAL
TRAVEL REYK-WAS-REYK TO PERMIT PAIR TO PARTICIPATE IN OCT 23-
NOV 7 PROGRAM ARRANGED BY US CHAPTR OF ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION
TF YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS (AAYPL). PAIR WILL REPRESENT
VARDBERG, ICELANDIC YOUTH CHAPTER OF ATLANTIC TREATY
ASSN. GRANTS WILL ALSO FINANCE ONE WEEK'S PER DIEM AND
NECESSARY DOMESTIC TRAVEL FOR EACH FOLLOWING AAYPL
PROGRAM (WHICH WE UNDERSTAND WILL VISIT WASHINGTON, NEW
ORLEANS, LOS ANGELES AND BOSTON). NATURE OF ONE WEEK
PROGRAH TO BE DETERMINED AFTER NOMINATIONS APPROVED.

2. NOMINEES ARE: DAVID ODDSSON, BORN 1949, INDEPENDENCE
PARTY MEMBER OF REYKJAVIK CITY COUNCIL AND COUNCILS
YOUNGEST
MEMBER. CHAIRMAN OF REYKJAVIK CITY COUNCILS YOUTH COMMITTEE,
MEMBER OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE. STUDENT OF LAW AT UNIVERSITY
OF ICELAND AND MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF VARDBERG, THE YOUTH
WING OF THE ICELANDIC CHAPTER OF THE ATLANTIC TREATY ASSN.
POPULAR PRODUCER OF RADIO PROGRAMS ON ICELANDIC STATE RADIO,
FORMER REPORTER--INCLUDING PARLIAMENTARY REPORTER--FOR
ICELANDS LARGEST NEWSPAPER, MORGUNBLADID. CO-WRITER AND
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CO-STAR OF CURRENT NATIONAL THEATRE PRODUCTION "WE WILL HONOR

OUR COUNTRY." MARRIED, ONE CHILD. EXCELLENT ENGLISH.
VISA ELIGIBILITY OKAY.

3. ALFRED THORSTEINSSON, BORN 1943, FORMALLY SPORTS EDITOR
NOW DEPUTY EDITOR OF TIMINN, DAILY ORGAN OF ICELANDS
PROGRESSIVE PARTY. PROGRESSIVE PARTY MEMBER OF REYKJAVIK
CITY COUNCIL, MEMBER OF COUNCILS EDUCATION AND HEALTH
COMMITTEES. MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF VARDBERG. EDUCATED AT
REYKJAVIK TEACHERS COLLEGE. MARRIED, ONE CHILD. EXCELLENT
ENGLISH. VISA ELIGIBILITY OKAY.

4. REQUEST IF POSSIBLE APPROVAL, FISCAL DATA, NLT OCT 25.
DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO SUGGEST ONE WEEK PROGRAM IN
ONE LOCATION, POSSIBLY AT A UNIVERSITY, DURING WEEK SUBSE-
QUENT TO AAYPL TOUR. FYI AAYPL TOUR INFORMATION OBTAINABLE
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